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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method for updating stitch data in a storage
2   device using a wireless connection, comprising:
3   receiving a command to update the stitch data in the
4   storage device;
5   determining if the storage device is currently in
6   use;
7   logically disconnecting the storage device from a
8   stitching device;
9   transferring new stitch data from a source system to
10 the storage device via a wireless connection;
11   updating the stitch data in the storage device with
12 the new stitch data;
13   reconnecting the storage device to the stitching
14 device.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the storage device is
2   a memory card.

1   3.   The method of claim 2, wherein the memory card
2   includes a programmable logic device, flash memory,
3   memory card connector, and a wireless interface.

1   4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the stitching device
2   is an embroidery machine.

1   5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the stitching device
2   is a sewing machine.

1   6.   The method of claim 1, wherein the command to update
2   the stitch data in the storage device is generated by the
3   source system.

1   7.   The method of claim 1, wherein the command to update
2   the stitch data in the storage device is generated by the
3   stitching device.

1   8.   The method of claim 1, wherein determining if the
2   storage device is currently in use comprises:
3   detecting data signals generated from a flash memory
4   within the storage device.

1   9.   The method of claim 1, wherein updating the stitch
2   data in the storage device with the new stitch data
3   includes erasing the contents of the storage device and
4   storing the new stitch data in the storage device.

1   10. The method of claim 1, wherein the wireless
2   connection is at least one of a line of sight or
3   broadcast transmission.

1   11. A system for updating stitch data in a storage
2   device using a wireless connection comprising:
3   a stitching device;
4   a storage device connected to the embroidery
5   machine;

6   a source system having stitch data, wherein the

7 stitch data is transferred to the storage device in

8 response to a command to update the stitch data in the

9 storage device.

1 12.   The system of claim 11, wherein the storage device

2 is a memory card.

1 13.   The method of claim 12, wherein the memory card

2 includes a programmable logic device, flash memory,

3 memory card connector, and a wireless interface.

1 14.   The method of claim 11, wherein the stitching device

2 is an embroidery machine.

1 15.   The method of claim 11, wherein the stitching device

2 is a sewing machine.

1 16.   The method of claim 11, wherein the command to

2 update the stitch data in the storage device is generated

3 by the source system.

1 17.   The method of claim 11, wherein the command to

2 update the stitch data in the storage device is generated

3 by the stitching device.

1 18.   The method of claim 11, further comprising:

2   determining if the storage device is currently in

3 use by detecting data signals generated from a flash

4 memory within the storage device.

1   19.   The method of claim 18, wherein the storage device
2   is logically disconnected from the stitching device in
3   response to determining that the storage device is
4   currently in use.

1   20.   The method of claim 11, wherein updating the stitch
2   data in the storage device includes erasing the contents
3   of the storage device and storing new stitch data in the
4   storage device.

1   21.   The method of claim 11, wherein the wireless
2   connection is at least one of a line of sight or
3   broadcast transmission.